<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

a) an input unit arranged to input encoded image data, wherein ~~a code train of said~~ <u>the</u> encoded image data includes a marker code for a resynchronizing process within one picture;

b) a detection unit arranged to detect a code error in the encoded image data; and

c) an error ~~processing~~ <u>compensation</u> unit arranged to ~~detect~~ <u>execute</u> an error ~~correction~~ <u>compensation</u> process on the encoded image data ~~according~~ <u>on the basis of</u> a result of detection by said detection unit, wherein said error ~~process~~ <u>compensation</u> unit discriminates whether or not to execute [[an]] <u>the</u> error ~~correction~~ <u>compensation</u> process utilizing [[said]] <u>the</u> marker code according to an attribute of the encoded image data.

2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the attribute of the encoded image data indicates whether the encoded image data is a still image or a moving image.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the attribute of the encoded image data indicates an encoding method employed in <u>an</u> encoding <u>process of</u> the encoded image data.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the encoding method ~~includes~~ <u>is one of a plurality of encoding methods including</u> a JPEG encoding method and an MPEG encoding method.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the attribute of the encoded image data indicates a reproducing method of reproducing the encoded image data, and the reproducing method ~~includes~~ <u>is</u> one of a <u>plurality of reproducing methods including a</u> special reproduction method and a normal reproduction method.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a decoding unit arranged to decode the encoded image data.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said error ~~correction~~ <u>compensation</u> unit [[has]] <u>selects</u>, according to the attribute of the encoded image data, a first process mode for ~~correcting~~ <u>compensating</u> the encoded image data within one picture after ~~generation~~ <u>occurrence</u> of a code error, and a second process mode

for ~~correcting~~ compensating the encoded image data ~~up to a period of said~~ until a detection

of the marker code ~~detected~~ after ~~generation~~ occurrence of the code error.

8. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

a)   an input step of inputting encoded image data, wherein a

~~code train of said~~ the encoded image data includes a marker code for a resynchronizing

process within one picture;

b)   a detection step of detecting a code error in the encoded

image data; and

c)   an error ~~processing~~ compensation step of executing an error

~~correction~~ compensation process on the encoded image data ~~according~~ on the basis of a

result of detection in said detection step, wherein said error ~~processing~~ compensation step

~~discriminates~~ includes discriminating whether or not to execute [[an]] the error ~~correction~~

compensation process utilizing the marker code according to an attribute of the encoded

image data.

9. (Original) A program for causing a computer to execute steps

constituting the image processing method according to claim 8.

10. (Original) A recording medium storing a program for causing a

computer to execute steps constituting the image processing method according to claim 8.

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11. (New) A method according to claim 8, wherein the attribute of the encoded image data indicates whether the encoded image data is a still image or a moving image.

12. (New) A method according to claim 8, wherein the attribute of the encoded image data indicates an encoding method employed in an encoding process of the encoded image data.

13. (New) A method according to claim 8, wherein the encoding method is one of a plurality of encoding methods including a JPEG encoding method and an MPEG encoding method.

14. (New) A method according to claim 8, wherein the attribute of the encoded image data indicates a reproducing method of reproducing the encoded image data, and the reproducing method is one of a plurality of reproducing methods including a special reproduction method and a normal reproduction method.